

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the attention accorded to the instant application, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the application as amended.

Formal Matters

In this Response, claims 1-48 are pending. Claims 39, 42, 45 and 48 are amended as discussed below.

Rejection of Claims 39-48 Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 39-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection should be withdrawn based on the comments and remarks herein.

Independent claims 39, 42, 45 and 48 are amended. Specifically, “computer program for enabling a computer” is amended to be “computer readable medium having computer readable program code for executing on a computer” in accordance with the Examiner’s suggestion. Hence, the claims define structural and functional relationships between the data structure and the computer software and hardware components which permit functionality to be realized, and the claims are thus directed to statutory subject matter.

Claims 40-41 depend from claim 39, claims 43-44 depend from claim 42, and claims 46-47 depend from claim 45, each dependent claim incorporating all of the features and limitations of its base claim. Hence claims 40, 41, 43, 44, 46 and 47 are statutory subject matter for at least the reasons that their base claims are statutory subject matter.

Accordingly, applicants request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate that claims 1-38 are allowed.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims recite patentable subject matter, and kindly solicits an early and favorable indication of allowability. If the Examiner has any reservation in allowing the claims, and believes a telephone interview would advance prosecution, he is kindly requested to telephone the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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